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Unions to observe symbolic work stoppages on Monday

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, March 21—A one-hour symbolic strike is planned for Monday by all professional associations, labour unions and women's organisations in Jordan and the Save Jerusalem Committee in protest against the signature of the proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel on that day.

The work stoppage will take place between 11 a.m. and noon. A statement to this effect is expected to be released by participating organisations on Thursday.

The bar association has already announced that its members will stop pleading cases in court for 15 minutes starting at 11 a.m. on Monday to symbolise its denunciation of what it termed Sadat's "act of national treason" and which it described as "unique in the history of the Arab nation." The statement added that Sadat would be betraying not only the Palestinian people but the aspirations of the entire Arab nation as well, and would be leaving

Egypt defenceless against the infiltration of Israeli and American influence.

The Central Committee of the Labour Unions Federation issued a strongly worded statement here today terming the Egyptian-Israeli agreement a conspiracy which serves the interests of Israel and the objectives of Zionism.

The statement condemned all unilateral steps taken by President Sadat, starting with his visit to Jerusalem.

The federation "noted with appreciation and pride the true nationalistic position to which Jordan, its King, government and people are committed." It denounced the "conspiracy" of the planned autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, calling it an attempt to misrepresent the will of the Palestinian people. It added that the proposed treaty abandons the historic and national rights of the Arabs. It reaffirmed that the Palestine Liberation Organisation is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The statement urged the Arabs to rally together and implement the resolutions of the Baghdad

summit, implying that sanctions be taken against Egypt. It called on the Arab countries to lend more support to the confrontation states, the PLO and the people of the occupied territories to enable them to resist the so called autonomy plan.

Finally, it called for world condemnation of the proposed treaty and urged countries friendly with the Arabs to frustrate the treaty.

The Engineers Association also issued a statement today in which it said that the signing of the treaty would mean that the Egyptian regime had turned its back to the Arab unanimity, and sold out the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

This further represents capitulation to the enemy and a liquidation of the Palestinian cause in the interest of imperialism and Zionism, it added.

The Egyptian president's action means that Egypt will "open its doors to Zionist economic and cultural invasion" which would ultimately lead to the isolation of Egypt from the rest of the Arab body which is working for unity and social and economic liberation.

NCC Foreign Relations Committee Chairman says

Jordan will not submit to pressures to join peace talks

AMMAN, March 21—The Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the National Consultative Council, Mr. Abdul Wahhab Majali, said today that Jordan would not bow down to pressure to subscribe to the Egyptian-Israeli formula for peace.

Jordan is for a just and comprehensive peace, and the expected peace treaty between Egypt and Israel will not achieve peace in the Middle East region, he added.

Mr. Majali was commenting on the remarks made by Senator Frank Church, head of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on television on Sunday.

Asked if the U.S. should not apply pressure on Jordan and Saudi Arabia if they did not support an Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement along the lines of Camp David, Senator Church said Jordan must not take for granted the generous aid which it receives from the U.S. regardless of which position it takes. It was high time President Carter changed this impression on King Hussein's part, Senator Church said.

Mr. Majali's reply to this statement was that Jordan has worked since 1967 for a just and comprehensive peace and it will continue to do so. The separate peace treaty is incapable of achieving that. This is evident from Mr. Begin's statements in the Knesset yesterday, he said. Mr. Majali wondered whether the American Senator had heard Mr. Begin when he said that the West Bank and Gaza Strip were Israeli land and that Jerusalem was the undivided capital of Israel. These statements must surely be seen as blowing up all possibilities for peace, he said.

Mr. Majali said Jordan would not remain dependent on American aid, if this is intended to be used as means of exerting pressure.

Jordan's policies with other nations are based on mutual respect and are prompted by Jordanian national interests, he added.

"In any case, Church's comments are not unfamiliar to us," Mr. Majali said, "because he has always been an advocate of Zionism. This is not the first time that

he has taken an adverse position towards a friendly Arab state. He has taken similar positions towards other Arab nations friendly to the United States for no reasons except because these nations adhered to the principle of a just peace."

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Dutch guilder	148.50/149.40
Belgian franc	(for every ten) 101.50/102.10
Swedish crown	68.40/68.80

Divisions among UNRWA employees surface

By Serene R. Farrag
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 21—A split seems to have developed between some United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) employees and the working team representing all UNRWA employees in countries hosting Palestinians after the return of the working team from Vienna on March 16 where it had been negotiating with top UNRWA officials.

A press release has just been issued by the union of UNRWA teachers accusing the working team of being ambivalent about the negotiations in Vienna. The teachers, who don't want to strike, object to the working team's insistence on striking, despite the progress achieved during the negotiations in Vienna.

The statement went on to say that a press release was issued on March 16 by the working team in Vienna, saying that negotiations had failed completely and therefore the threatened strike action would be carried out. The statement pointed out that the working team announced last Monday, March 19, during its meeting with UNRWA employees, that some progress had been achieved in Vienna, although details were not released by the working team at the time.

The picture is still unclear, it is not certain whether a strike will be staged or not.

The working team originally went to Vienna on Feb. 7, to negotiate with the UNRWA administration changes in the planned reduction of services to Palestinian refugees, the freezing of salaries, the elimination of preparatory stage at UNRWA schools and the phasing out of the employees cost of living allowances. A press release issued on March 17 by UNRWA said that the agency was prepared to make \$4 million available for pay

adjustments to its 16,500 staff. UNRWA also offered to allocate \$6.6 million from its budget for increases in cost of living allowances. But payment of this depends on UNRWA receiving sufficient income to cover its 1979 budget. It relies on nearly all of its income from voluntary contributions.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I WEDNESDAY SAYS that Egypt will soon secede from the Arab nation and this will impose on the Arabs the duty of readjusting the regional balance of power created by the new reality. After the treaty signing the paper continues, Israel will channel its military strength into deal with the rest of the Arab confrontation states, that allegedly still constitute a serious threat to Israel. Israel considers the occupied Arab lands to be liberated Israeli territories. This, in essence, was the message contained in the Israeli Prime Minister's reply to Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil who spoke at length about the restoration of Jerusalem to the Arabs. Israeli withdrawal from 1967 occupied Arab territory and the establishment of a Palestinian state. Actually, the paper says, there are no differences between Israel and Egypt. The secret dialogue going on between them poses a serious threat mainly to Jordan, Syria and whatever is left of Lebanon. Israel will do its best to bring the Arabs to their knees. The Arabs should not be deceived by "superficial differences" in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations which term Sadat is using to minimise the effect of the treacherous blow he has dealt the Arab cause. The Arabs should build up their military strength in order to be able to face up to the consequences of expected Israeli aggression, the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR says that His Majesty King Hussein's address yesterday on the occasion of the Teachers' Day celebration reflected Jordan's understanding of the developments expected to follow the signing of the separate agreement between Egypt and Israel. Jordan's position can be summed up as follows: First, Jordan is committed to a comprehensive settlement based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, foremost of which is Jerusalem. Second, Jordan calls for the preservation of the Arab cause despite the forthcoming peace agreement. Third, Jordan calls for the avoidance of adopting rash attitudes in reaction to the Egyptian-Israeli agreement. Fourth, Jordan calls for the building up of Arab military strength as the only viable way to meet the new challenge. Fifth, Jordan calls on all Arabs to act rationally rather than emotionally so that results that will really serve the Arab cause will be achieved. The paper concludes by saying if the above conditions are fulfilled, the victory of the Arab cause will be certain.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

NOTEBOOK

A tale of Palestine

By Rami G. Khouri

IT WAS AN UNUSUALLY warm late winter afternoon, when an old man last week walked into the humble concrete house of a young Palestinian peasant on the outskirts of Ramallah. The man appeared to have been badly beaten up. He stooped badly, and limped heavily on one foot. His arms hung limp in front of him, and a blood-stained bandage wrapped around his forehead also hung down to cover half his face. He looked about 55 years of age, but he said his age was eleven. He said his name was Abu Autonomy, and that he had just been through one of the roughest ordeals that any human being has ever had to withstand.

Abu Autonomy stumbled into the peasant's house, and was immediately offered a comfortable seat inside the back door of the small house, from where he could look south and see traffic flowing along the main road to Jerusalem. Tears started to form in his eyes, and it was obvious that he was moved by the chance to sit comfortably in the safety of a fellow Palestinian's home. Tea came forth quickly, and a small packet of cigarettes, without fancy cellophane wrappers or filter tips, just a small pale green packet of cigarettes such as are found in the home of any peasant family in any other part of the world.

Abu Autonomy fought back the desire to break down and cry. Instead, he drank some tea and smoked three cigarettes in a row, not speaking at all, but staring out the window, watching the cars and the trucks and the buses moving steadily down the road from Ramallah to Jerusalem, knowing that they would have to stop at least four roadblocks on the way. If a car contained young people, they would probably be detained for a few hours. Abu Autonomy knew all this because, despite his appearance of old age, he had recently experienced all the discomfort and humiliation of being a young Palestinian living under the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

He slowly gathered back his strength. As he did so, he started to speak; even though there were only the peasant farmer and his wife and baby girl listening, he spoke slowly, composing his thoughts carefully, making believe he was standing at the rostrum of the United Nations talking to the world. He told his story quickly, so as not to make it too personal, but rather to use his own example as a lesson for other Palestinians to learn from.

Abu Autonomy was born immediately after the 1967 war, in a secret military hospital somewhere inside Israel. But the area was not called Israel when Abu Autonomy's father and mother first married and conceived his elder brother and sister many years before that. His brother, Abdul Wahab Armistice, and his sister, Qamar Al Demarcation, never left Palestine, preferring to stay there even after Israel was established in the spring of 1948. But Abu Autonomy's parents fled Palestine under the threat of attacks in the night by Jewish armed groups, many of whom spoke Polish, which Abu Autonomy's parents had trouble understanding. They came east of the 1948 armistice lines and settled near Ramallah, just off the main road to Jerusalem. Years ago, they would sit outside their front door sipping tea in the late afternoon and offer cups of tea to young Palestinians who would walk home all the way from Ramallah to Jerusalem, after having spent the day in Ramallah enjoying the cool summer breezes. It was only about a hundred metres from Abu Autonomy's parents' home that he was once pulled out of a car by Israeli soldiers and taken to a police station in Jerusalem for interrogation. They

had beaten him and asked him why he did not leave the country and go to Libya or Abu Dhabi where he could make a fortune and live happily ever after. He replied that when you have brothers and sisters with names like Abdul Wahab Armistice and Qamar Al Demarcation, you think twice before moving too far away from your home. All this came back to him as he told of his birth. When he was born shortly after the 1967 war, he was presented to the world as the hope of the future. His parents, having both died immediately after his birth, he was taken around by Israeli foster parents and proudly shown off to the world as a symbol of the new era of peace in Holy Land. But he was not a pretty baby, and though he was a male child, he was rejected by most of the Palestinians of the world.

He spent many years in a boarding school somewhere in Israel, and suddenly last year, at the age of 11, he was pulled out of school by Israeli foster parents, given a brand new suit, the latest wide-tie fashion, and once again taken around on a tour to meet many people in all of the world and in countries far away, requiring eleven hours' flying to reach.

Despite his new clothes, and his new parents, who also spoke Polish very well, a great amazement, Abu Autonomy fared no better with the people of Palestine. He was a handi-lad now, but he was unliked and unaccepted. Young Palestinian girls (the loveliest in the world of Asia, he thought) made fun of him, and boys threw stones at him. One day, he had a misfortune to be caught in a street demonstration near Ramallah. He was trampled under many feet, and he was struck by a bullet.

He was overcome by fear, and then came when he realised that he was being stomped by Palestinians but also being shot by bullets from Israeli foster-parents. He was utterly on his own. He did not know what to make of the war. After the street demonstration ended, he crawled away and slept near a rock, or regained enough strength to walk on his power to the nearest house, where he found young peasant and his wife and his baby, whom he recounted his perplexing tale.

When he finished his story, he asked if and when he closed his eyes, the baby girl over to him to play, thinking that he had laid on the cot to play with her, as her father did evening after returning from ploughing the fields of Palestine.

He brightened up when he saw the girl crawling towards him. He regained his strength at once. He started laughing. He stood, carried the girl on his shoulders and ran on the late winter sunshine, where her smile, bracelet, like that which most Palestinian girls wear around their wrists, caught the sunshine and reflected her name into the Abu Autonomy.

Even with the glare of the sun's rays, Abu Autonomy could read the engraved little girl. He did not understand it because his English was not much better Polish, but he understood from the smile of the two parents of the young girl standing nearby, that "Umm A Determination" had to mean something to Abu Autonomy.

Reinvigorated, Abu Autonomy, another cigarette, put an orange in his pocket, walked away, squinting because of the reflection from the young girl's golden which went right through his eyes and heart. Yes, he thought, the young girls of are the loveliest in all Asia.

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"Appointment with Death" to be filmed in Petra

By Breda Pinegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 21—Agatha Christie's novel "Appointment with Death" will come to life in Petra when shooting begins at the original setting of that famous tale of intrigue next year. The people who produced "Murder on the Orient Express" and, more recently, "Death on the Nile" are already in the midst of preparations for what they hope will be a third Agatha Christie hit.

Agatha Christie thought so, and made the then largely unknown city the central place of action in one of her murder mysteries, "Appointment with Death".

Co-producers Lord Brabourne and Richard Goodwin and script writer Anthony Shaffer have just spent three days in Jordan exploring Petra and meeting the people concerned with a view to coming back in 1980 to shoot parts of the film on location at Petra.

Speaking to the Jordan Times during their stay, the trio seemed full of enthusiasm for the project and were thrilled with the cooperation they have been getting here, particularly after having met

with His Majesty King Hussein who has given his blessing to the venture.

In "Appointment with Death," a much disliked elderly woman, who lives in Petra with her grown up children, is murdered. There are, as always, a number of suspects and each has an apparent motive for committing the crime. It is not until Hercule Poirot, detective extraordinaire (who may be played by Peter Ustinov in the planned production) gets involved in the case that the truth is finally revealed.

Discussing actual filming, Lord Brabourne said that Petra's inaccessibility may be a problem, but when the troupe of some 150 people—including actors, technicians, make-up artists, hairdressers and so on—descend on Petra next year they will use a specially erected camp with all facilities so that Petra's remoteness may not be so immediately felt.

The cost of production, which will run into "millions", is being met by the British company EMI (Electromagnetic Industries).

Peter Goodwin, who has worked with Lord Brabourne over the past 25 years on such films as "Sink the Bismarck," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Tales of Beatrix Potter," said the logistics of organising such a production were enormous. For instance, while on location for "Death on the Nile" over 60,000 bottles of drinking water were used.

Although there are only a few main characters and the producers will bring out many of the people they need to make the film, they will also be looking for locals to help in various aspects of production.

One thing that will have to be worked out carefully is the timing of filming because the sun does not shine for long on any place in Petra as the ancient city is located in a steep-sided valley.

Anthony Shaffer, author of "Sleuth", one of the longest running plays in London, which was also made into a successful film—will be tackling the script writing when he returns to England.

Mr. Shaffer, who bears a marked resemblance to Peter Ustinov, also wrote the script for "Death on the Nile." He describes Agatha Christie's dialogues as "a little out of date."

He faces the task of making the "intensely artificial" plot plausible. The script should take about six months to prepare.

Also with them on this "reconnaissance" trip is Lord

Brabourne's wife, Lady Brabourne, and son Michael John Knatchbull who is acting as location manager and will spend a lot of time here next year in preparation for the actual filming.

"Appointment with Death" was chosen about six months ago because it has "the best story and best location", Lord Brabourne said. One of the mystery's obvious advantages, they all agree, is Petra's timelessness. Lady

Brabourne is the only one of the group to have visited Petra before—in the fifties—and is amazed at how little it has changed.

While Mr. Shaffer is working on the script, Lord Brabourne and Richard Goodwin will be busy filming yet another Agatha Christie work: "The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side" with Miss Marple cracking the "who-dunnit" mystery this time.



The Roman temple at Petra, where "Appointment with Death" will be filmed next year.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,965	6,930	6,930	6,930
Jordan Cement Industries	JD 10,000	3,995	14,850	14,900	14,900
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	1,247	2,140	2,150	2,140
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 1,000	205	20,000	20,900	20,510
Jordan Civil Bank	JD 1,000	2,895	1,050	1,060	1,060
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	4,521	1,360	1,380	1,370
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	910	0,910	0,920	0,910
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	70	—	—	—
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	3008	0,940	0,950	0,940
Industrial, Commercial And Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	670	2,630	—	2,630
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 1,000	802	10,700	10,900	10,700
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	202	10,060	10,150	10,100
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	2,200	1,090	—	1,100
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	1,120	11,200	11,500	11,200
United Amman Bank	JD 5,000	987	6,570	6,600	6,580
Jordan Tobacco & Cigarettes Co.	JD 5,000	740	7,000	7,600	7,400

Total volume traded, Wednesday, March 21: JD 25,537
Total number of shares traded: 14,195

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Government Development Bonds	JD 5,000	123,480	24	1980	5,145
	JD 5,000	484,290	94	1982	5,160
	JD 5,000	500,500	100	1984	5,005
	JD 5,000	2,060	400	1986	5,150
	JD 10,000	4,120	400	1988	10,300
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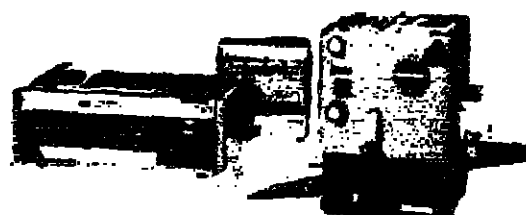
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Palestine Prince Hassan to visit Indonesia, Malaysia

AMMAN, March 21 (JNA)—His Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal, Crown Prince of Jordan, will leave the country and travel to Indonesia and Malaysia in the next few days for a visit, he said today. He is expected to arrive in Jakarta on March 22 and will stay there for a few days before moving on to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he will arrive on March 24. The Crown Prince will also stop in India where he will meet Prime Minister Morarji Deasai and other officials.

His Highness will be accompanied by Jordan's chief Islamic justice, Sheikh Ibrahim Qatan, the Minister of Education, Dr. Abdul Salami Mahaj, and several other officials.

The Crown Prince will also stop in India where he will meet Prime Minister Morarji Deasai and other officials.

He spent many years in the United States, where he was born, and he has a deep knowledge of the country and its people. He is a member of the United Nations and has been involved in many international organizations. He is also a member of the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP)—The Philadelphia 76ers have had their problems lately. But Tuesday night, they put together an important winning effort against the San Antonio Spurs, beating the National Basketball Association's Central Division leaders 124-120. After San Antonio tied the score 112-112 with 2:06 remaining, Julius Erving hit a layup, giving Philadelphia the lead for good. Then Doug Collins, who finished with 21 points, clinched the victory with six straight free throws in the final 14 seconds. Erving led the 76ers with 25 points. George Gervin, the league's leading scorer, was high with 26 for the Spurs, who suffered their fourth straight loss. Mark Olberding came off the bench and scored 25. In other NBA games: Washington Bullets beat New Orleans Jazz 126 to 107. Washington, despite the absence of starters Bob Dandridge and Elvin Givens plus reserve Mitch Kupchak—all sidelined with injuries—beaten the Jazz by outscoring New Orleans 39-25 in the third quarter for a 101-84 advantage. Elvin Hayes paced the Bullets with 32 points, as Washington raised its record to 48-22, best in the league. Rich Kelley led the Jazz with 22 points. Denver Nuggets topped Golden State Warriors 113 to 102. David Thompson scored 19 of his game-high 27 points in the first half, helping Denver beat Golden State and move within 3½ games of first-place Kansas City in the Midwest Division. George McGinnis collected 21 points for the Nuggets, while Dan Issel had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Purvis Short paced Golden State with 20 points. Atlanta Hawks defeated Cleveland Cavaliers 115 to 109. John Drew's 33 points, 14 in the fourth period helped the Hawks win their 12th straight home game. The victory ended a four-game Atlanta losing streak, while the setback extended Cleveland's losing streak to six. Campy Russell led Cleveland with 27 points and Austin Carr scored 23. New York Knicks won over Milwaukee Bucks 118 to 110. Earl Monroe and Marvin Webster equaled their season highs with 28 and 25 points, respectively, as the Knicks overcame a 15-point first-quarter deficit and handed the Bucks their 29th road loss in 35 games this season. Webster, suffering from tendinitis in his right knee, also had a game-high 12 rebounds and five assists. Marques Johnson tallied 24 points. Milwaukee and Junior Bridgeman scored 21. Portland Trail Blazers beat San Diego Clippers 115 to 109. Mychal Thompson's 27 points, including a clutch field goal with 11 seconds remaining, and Maurice Lucas' 24 points, including four free throws in the final 42 seconds, enabled Portland to get past San Diego and move within one game of the Clippers and Denver in the battle for the final two Western Conference playoff berths. San Diego's Randy Smith led all scorers with 28 points, but was blanked in the final quarter.

Obscenity causes tennis match forfeit

NEW ORLEANS, March 21 (AP)—The Nastase made one obscene gesture too many Tuesday night and was disqualified in his first-round match against Bob Lutz in the \$175,000 New Orleans Tennis Festival. "The chair umpire (Doug Lang) was simply enforcing the rule," said Dick Robertson, supervisor of the Grand Prix of tennis events. "Nastase knows that the first step is a point penalty, the next step is a game penalty, and the next step is a default." He said that to the best of his knowledge, it was the first time any player had been forced to forfeit a Grand Prix match. Nastase's first run-in with the officials came in the third game of the first set. He double faulted and kicked the ball, and Lang awarded the point to Lutz. Nastase—obviously upset—Ann down 1-3—flushed an obscene gesture moments later, and Lang awarded the game to Lutz, putting Nastase down 1-4, and he went on to lose the set 6-7. Nastase won the second set 6-3, and Lutz was serving and trailing 1 game to 3 and down 15-30 in the fourth game of the third set when he was disqualified for making an obscene gesture. Nastase said he doesn't know what he did to draw the penalty. "I didn't give it to anybody. I gave it to myself," he said. Robertson said there would be an unappealable fine of \$450 assessed against Nastase, but he said Nastase does have the right to appeal the forfeit. When the forfeit was announced, the court was quickly buried in crumpled paper cups and other objects thrown from the stands. Many members of the crowd of almost 5,000, charged the court, and at least one fistfight broke out between spectators. "They were too strick with me," Nastase said. They defaulted me too fast. "They guys are not flexible, especially with me." In other action Tuesday, 2nd seeded Bjorn Borg used a big serve and a powerful backhand to blow Gene Mayer off the court 6-4, 6-3. Fourth-seeded John McEnroe also had an easy time of it. The young Davis Cupper whipped substitute Hubertus Hoyt 6-3, 6-2. Hoyt got to play when Victor Amaya had to withdraw because of tendinitis of the shoulder. In other matches Tuesday, it was Dick Stockton over Stan Smith 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 and Ferdi Taygan over Marty Riessen 6-2, 6-3. Sherwood Stewart beat Peter Fleming 6-4, 6-4. Sixth-seeded Roscoe Tanner beat Tim Wilkison 6-4, 6-3. Top seeded Jimmy Connors advanced to the second round after winning his match on Monday. "A Borg or a Connors could do this, and they wouldn't have to default," Nastase said. "If you're no. 1 or no. 2, you can do anything you want and they won't default you. I understand that. When I was no. 1 they wouldn't default me. You miss a shot, and you can't say anything to the crowd, but they can say anything to you. The rules are against the players. There was a guy in the back throwing coins at me, and I had to take it. I'm not the kind of guy who can take that kind of thing from anybody. I didn't do even half of what I do normally tonight."

Science fiction hero returns to British TV

By Richard Last

Professor Quatermass, one of television's original and renowned science fiction heroes, is to return to the small screen after a gap of 20 years to continue his battles against perils menacing humanity from outer space. Thames Television, one of Britain's major independent companies, has just completed production of a new four part Quatermass series starring Sir John Mills in the role of the redoubtable professor.

To most television viewers in the Western world old enough to have acquired the television habit in the 1950s the name Quatermass is rich with the resonances of small screen nostalgia.

Professor Quatermass was the first — and many would claim, most successful — of television's science fiction heroes. In three series of adventures on the single British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) channel of those days he overcame a succession of perils menacing humanity from outer space.

But his exploits were never at the superficial level of Hollywood monsters or little green men. Quatermass' creator, Nigel Kneale, was a writer of imagination and originality: the series which made his creation a household name had a philosophical, even semi-mystical, basis.

Now, after 20 years, Quatermass is back. Thames Television, largest of the 15 companies in Britain's independent television chain, has just finished production of a new four part series. It will probably be seen by British audiences late this year or early in 1980.

And, for the first time, Quatermass could become an international cult figure, for many countries are expected to take the programme. There is also the prospect that the series, made on 35mm film, could be adapted for the cinema.

Thames, through its film production subsidiary, Euston Films, will certainly be looking for extensive overseas sales. For the new

Quatermass is one of the most elaborate projects yet undertaken by British television and, at an estimated cost of £1.25 million, or £300,000 per hour, possibly the most expensive.

The idea was born more than four years ago when the BBC approached Kneale with the suggestion that he should revive his 1950s hero. Kneale responded enthusiastically and production plans went ahead—until late in 1974 the BBC abandoned the project on financial grounds.

For nearly three years the script gathered dust. Then Thames — whose managing director, Bryan Cowgill, is a former BBC man — showed interest. The script was rewritten for an all film treatment. Sir John Mills, at 70 one of Britain's most respected screen actors, agreed to play the ageing Quatermass.

Filming began in the middle of 1978 and ended in November. Now finishing touches, including special space effects, have been added.

Mysterious visitors from space, as always, play an important part in the latest Quatermass story. But the crucial events spring from observation of ominous tendencies in modern society.

Kneale has imagined a country, 15 or 20 years in the future, where urban breakdown has reached an advanced stage. Disillusioned with their material world, the non-violent young turn to mystical solutions.

Hundreds of them gather at a primitive stone circle hoping to communicate with life on other



Sir John Mills (left) plays Professor Bernard Quatermass in Thames Television's new Quatermass series.

planets. Meanwhile Quatermass, shocked at what he finds on emerging from rural retirement, has teamed with a younger scientist versed in radioastronomy and astrophysics.

Kneale and his producer, Ted Childs, prefer to remain vague about what happens then. Kneale says: "It is, admittedly, fairly pessimistic — you can't extract too much fun from urban collapse. But it does have elements of optimism and the ending is definitely on a positive note."

Apart from events in space involving the use of elaborate models, Quatermass IV (as Kneale thinks of the new series) meant building mockups of a radio observatory, complete with two 12 metre dishes running on tracks, and a 46 metre stone circle ("Like Stonehenge, only more photogenic") in carved polystyrene.

Both were set up in a private estate at Harefield, about 30 kilometres north of London, where much of the outside filming was done.

A London street due for demolition under the Urban Renewal programme provided an authentic atmosphere of decay. Another scene was filmed at Wembley Stadium during an international football match.

Kneale, who is 54, a major figure in British writing for 25 years. He can in essence as the adaptor of "1984" for BBC television establishing himself as a writer with "Quatermass" another notable, and, on play, "The Year of the Olympics", he predicts in which the mass of labour had been reduced to a minimum while real life out on the television.

He is, he insists, not a science fiction writer at all. "I know absolutely no science. My concern is, and possibility, is a projection of what is happening in a highly industrial society when resources give out. I hope nothing ever comes of it—but."

The new series with its attractions for a nostalgic man 1950s. But Ted Childs documentary production joining Thames, he appeal to the young.

"I've been surprised," he says, "at many of them. Quatermass and see his return. He so become part of the television."

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(Apr. 19 to May 20) Seek information you need to make your contacts who are progressive and improve life. A new adjustment to present philosophy could be to present yourself as you enjoy.

(May 21 to June 21) Find a better way of making payments and collections so that you need not be in the future. Improve romantic life. **CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Discuss with a friend a project that is not working out as well as you wish. A situation arises that is beneficial for you.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) Use more up-to-date methods in which you are currently engaged and get it. A fellow worker has a good idea that you can use.

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Plan early to have more movements later in the day. Gain the goodwill of you know. Don't overspend.

(Sept. 22 to Oct. 21) Try to agree with him regarding what should be made at home and have many there. Entertain at home in the evening.

(Oct. 22 to Nov. 21) Discuss career affairs with a friend who can be of assistance to you. Changing somewhat is wise. Make a better impression by taking a new stance.

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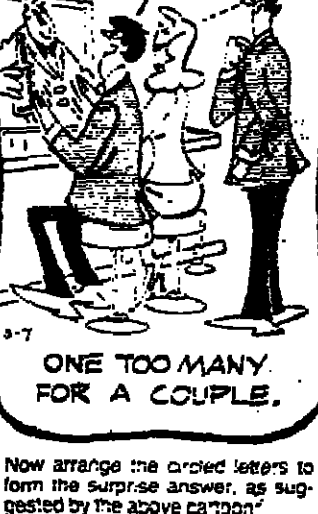
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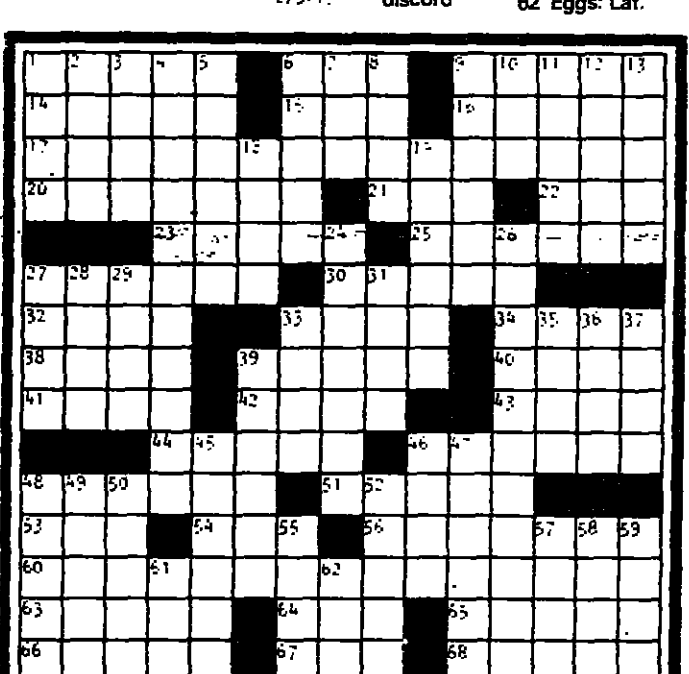


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THE Daily Crossword

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6 Cap from	34 Kaffir	56 Inconsis-	24 Place for
9 Hindu god	36 warrior	60 Starting	26 Score card
14 Shun	38 Understood	63 Woodwinds	27 Inquires
15 Part of the	39 Struggled	64 First lady	28 Spanish
psyche	40 Active one	65 French	29 Certain
16 Red dye	41 Reasonable	66 Scold	30 Confined
17 Take advan-	42 Swan genus	67 Sense organ	31 Relative
tage for	43 Departed	68 Fabric	32 Alone
personal	44 Boo-boo	69 colorers	33 Satellite
20 Rags	46 Perfumes	70 Catamaran	34 Confined
21 State: abbr.	48 — milk	1 Catamaran	37 Angers
22 Caviar base	49 "fountain	2 Layer of	38 Ornamental
23 Indians	offerings	3 the iris	39 Negligent
25 Brown	51 Deal with	3 Castle	40 Peon
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27 Workshops	measure	chocolate	42 unreason-
30 Sea duck		5 Stick	43 Certain
		6 Far from	44 league
		7 Past	45 Island off
		8 — Lisa	46 Venezuela
		9 Seed used	47 Shade of
		10 Judging's	48 yellow
		11 Rhine tribu-	49 Ascribe
		utary	50 Double
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REN BRIDGE

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AKQ104 ♥93 ♦AJ8742

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ ?

What action do you take?

A.—This is a very difficult problem. Without East's inter-

ference, we would have com-

pleted the distribution of our

suits by rebidding three

spades. Now that action is

fraught with danger because of

the potential misfit. The more

prudent course is to pass the

decision around to partner, and

hope that he comes up with the

winning solution.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as

South you hold:

♠AK532 ♥K10 ♦J83 ♠AQ7

Partner opens the bidding

with five diamonds. What ac-

tion do you take?

A.—For his preemptive opening

bid at the five-level, partner

should have at least a solid eight

card suit. Thus, you have ex-

cellent prospects for a small

slam, providing the opponents

are unable to collect two fast

heart tricks. To guard against

this, bid six no trump—if the op-

ponents elect to lead hearts, it

will be up to your king, not

through it.

Q.7—East-West vulnerable,

as South you hold:

♠KJ1085 ♥A882 ♦K983

Your right-hand opponent

opens the bidding with one

club. What action do you

take?

A.—Offensively, your hand is

quite powerful—it could easily

produce a game in any one of

three suits opposite a very

minimal holding in partner's

hand. To advise partner that you

have support for any suit he can

introduce, make a takeout

double. If you bid one spade, you

risk losing a fit in one of the red

suits.

Q.8—As South, vulnerable,

you hold:

♠KJ852 ♥AJ1076 ♦A ♠A8

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Since you hold three aces

and a king, your hand is actually

worth more than its 17 high-card

points. In addition, you have ex-

ceptional distributional values.

Once partner has shown enough

values to respond—6 points at

least—we would insist on game,

and would make our intentions

known to partner by jumping to

three hearts.

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World delegates agree on \$750m. commodities fund

GENEVA, March 21 (R)—Industrialised and Third World nations involved in the protracted "North-South dialogue" achieved a major breakthrough yesterday when they agreed on a \$750 million international fund to stabilise commodity prices. But Western delegation sources said the fund, whose basic elements were approved at an all-night session of a 101-nations conference on economic cooperation, would be unlikely to be fully operational until the end of 1981.

The negotiators agreed on a basis for the fund's capital structure, financial resources and voting strengths, successfully ending two years of slow-moving bargaining that often seemed on the verge of breakdown.

An interim committee to draft legal texts setting up the fund is likely to meet next September or October, and a full negotiating conference to endorse the articles of agreement may be held in the first half of next year, the sources said.

If this timetable is kept, the fund could start fulfilling its main role of financing reserve buffer stocks of commodities around the end of 1981, the sources said.

The fund will serve as a central pool of finance for price stabilisation measures undertaken by international commodity organisations associated with it. Resources of \$400 million will be available for purchasing buffer

stocks of commodities that will be built up when prices fall and released when they rise so as to keep the range within agreed levels.

A second facility with target resources of \$350 million will fund research and development, and productivity, marketing and diversification schemes aimed at helping keep prices steady.

Although accepting a resolution setting out these basic elements of the fund, two major participants, the United States and the Soviet Union, objected to voting arrangements in the fund's management body, giving developing countries the strongest voice.

The U.S. said it would urge the interim committee meeting next autumn to re-examine this procedure, which allocated 47 per cent of the total votes to developing countries as a group, 42 per cent to non-communist industrialised states, eight per cent to

East European communist countries and three per cent to China.

Industrialised states, grouped in the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), who will contribute more than two-thirds of the fund's total capital, had argued strongly for equal voting strength with the Third World at 40 per cent each.

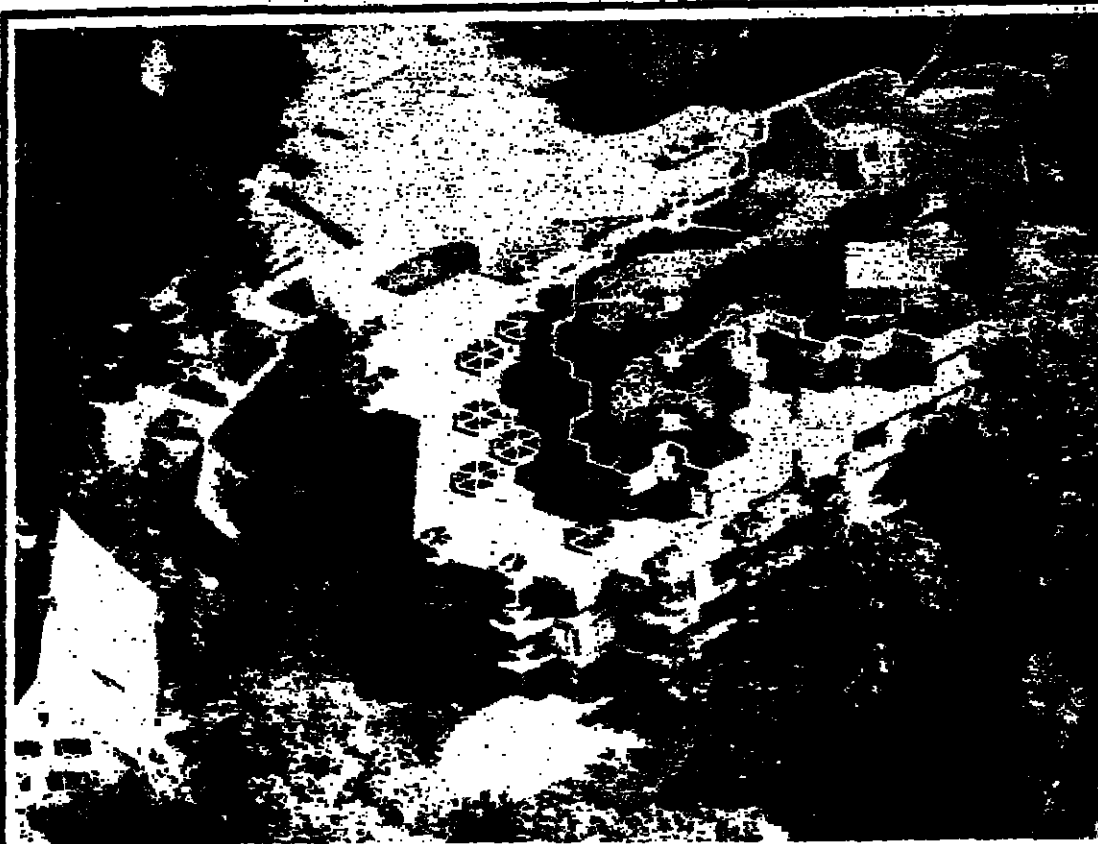
The Soviet Union, speaking also on behalf of its East European communist partners, objected in addition to what it described as "an unjust distribution of the burden of financing."

This was a reference to mandatory initial contribution of \$1 million from each member country, large or small, in addition to further graduated contributions varying according to a state's size and wealth.

UNITED NATIONS, March 21 (R)—Agreement on ceasefire arrangements and U.N.-supervised elections in Namibia (South West Africa) was reported nearer last night after talks between the South African and Western foreign ministers.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, after briefing Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on the two days of discussions, in which black African representatives were consulted, told reporters: "We are closer, but we have a way to go."

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha flew home to consult his



New law centre is architectural eyeful

FREIBURG—Five of the fifty-odd research institutes set up in West Germany by the Max Planck Association since 1948 specialise in law. The Max Planck Institute of Foreign and International Criminal Law (photo) recently opened on Freiburg in the picturesque Black Forest. This eye-catching

architectural complex includes work facilities for a permanent staff of 130 and reading rooms for thirty research fellows from all over the world. It also houses one of the world's major libraries specialising in international criminal law. (D&D photo)

Agreement 'closer' on plans for Namibia

government on the talks, during which the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany and Canada offered new proposals to break the deadlock. These included a plan for electronic eavesdropping of guerrilla units of the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) after a ceasefire.

But Mr. Vance cautioned reporters against placing too much emphasis on this, saying it was only one of the ideas discussed. He said the ministers were ready and willing to return to New York for further meetings with Mr. Botha if South Africa's response were

favourable.

Mr. Botha ordered Major-General J. Geldenhuys, commander of South African forces in Namibia, to remain behind. He and the South African minister to the U.N., Mr. Adrian Eksteen, will seek further clarifications of the Western proposals.

These were designed to meet South Africa's objection that Mr. Waldheim's implementation plan, issued on Feb. 26, failed to provide for monitoring guerrilla forces stationed in neighbouring countries, while it did call for the creation of bases in Namibia for guerrillas.

British Foreign Secretary David Owen told reporters before flying home that the main problem to overcome was a lack of confidence on the part of South Africa and the Namibian internal political parties. A more detailed plan would have to be presented, he added.

The fact that representatives of parties other than SWAPO were received by the Western ministers helped to build their confidence.

Dr. Owen said. It had always been a difficulty that the U.N. General Assembly recognised SWAPO as the sole authentic representative of the Namibian people, he added.

Cambodia's new regime claims capture of Chinese linked to Khmer Rouge forces

PHNOM PENH, March 21 (R)—Several Chinese military advisers directing Khmer Rouge forces loyal to the ousted Pol Pot regime have been captured in Kampuchea (Cambodia), according to the foreign minister of the new Vietnamese-backed government, Mr. Hun Sen.

He declined to give the exact number but said, in a rare inter-

view, that they were being interrogated in military camps in Kampuchea.

The foreign minister also accused Thailand of allowing China to send supplies through its territory to the Khmer Rouge forces, whom he described as now "merely a nuisance," with no unified command.

Mr. Sen also said the presence

of Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea was in accordance with the peace and friendship treaty signed last month. Their withdrawal would depend on the requirements of the peoples of the two countries.

Hanoi has denied having any troops in Kampuchea, but military sources in Bangkok say there are about 100,000 Vietnamese forces there.

The foreign minister also ruled out any role at present in Kampuchea for former head of state Prince Sihanouk, now living in Peking. "So long as Sihanouk continues to serve the wicked schemes of China he will have no role to play," Mr. Sen said.

Mr. Sen, who became foreign minister on Jan. 8 when the "People's Revolutionary Council" government was set up, said that between two million and three million people were killed under the Pol Pot regime, which took power when the country fell to communist control in April 1975.

Most of those killed were teachers, scientific and technical personnel, and intellectuals, he said. The government had a problem in finding people to reopen schools and hospitals, run the administration and rebuild the country.

The foreign minister said the government had been recognised by 17 countries, and others would do so when they realised that the overthrow of the Pol Pot regime

was irreversible.

Mr. Sen said Kampuchean President Heng Samrin would attend next September's Havana meeting of the heads of government from non-aligned countries and they were considering sending a delegation to the United Nations. The U.N. continues to recognise the Pol Pot government.

Life-forming energy present on Jupiter

TUCSON, Arizona, March 21 (AP)—If Voyager 1 actually recorded lightning in Jupiter's atmosphere, it could mean mechanics similar to those which started life on earth are on the planet, a scientist says.

Mr. Bradford Smith of the University of Arizona, who heads the Voyager 1 photo team, termed the apparent lightning discovery "significant."

"Now that we've found a probable energy source, it's an intriguing question," Mr. Smith said of the possible initial, life-giving steps.

"The chemicals and gases are the same as we had in earth's primary atmospheres at the time the earth was building up a string of complex molecules," Mr. Smith said. "At some point those concentrations got high enough that relatively improbable reactions could take place and give rise to biological evolution."

"The question is whether the

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Vietnam gives China March 28th ultimatum

BANGKOK, March 21 (R)—Vietnam today demanded that complete its withdrawal of forces by March 28 and gave an ultimatum of military action if they did not. A Vietnamese Ministry note handed to the Chinese charge d'affaires in Hanoi talks on restoring normal relations between the two countries neighbours could start on March 29 in the Vietnamese capital. Chinese withdrawal had been completed by the previous day Hanoi reported. But the note added: "If Chinese troops occupy Vietnamese territory, then the Vietnamese people will use their legitimate right to self-defence to defend their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Ministers' meet will work on 'Lome II'

BRUSSELS, March 21 (R)—Ministers from the Common countries and 57 developing nations meet in the Bahamas to set the major outlines of a new trade and aid pact between the five-year Lome Convention, which runs out in 1980. The 57 African Caribbean and Pacific countries' Community to extend its scheme to stabilise export earnings products such as copper. At present it covers iron and certain natural products. The nine Common Market countries want a new pact, usually dubbed "Lome II", with respect for human rights by referring to existing international agreements, the use of forced labour. The issue has raised the hackle of developing countries, who fear the pact could use it to interfere in their internal affairs.

France to withdraw its troops from Chad

PARIS, March 21 (AP)—France will withdraw its 2,500 troops from the central African nation of Chad, wracked by a civil war between Moslems and Christians for the past five weeks, a presidential decree announced yesterday. The decision follows a request from the nation's warring leaders and major rebel forces to form a joint transitional government. A Nigerian peacekeeper is starting to take up position in the Chad capital of N'Djamena. The scene of some of the bitterest fighting, to keep the rival groups from taking over the capital. France has maintained forces in Chad since its independence both as a major staging base in Africa, and to help suppress armed Muslim and often Libyan-backed rebel forces.

China protests Kosygin's remarks in India

NEW DELHI, India, March 21 (AP)—China has lodged a protest with India concerning what it said were "hostile Chinese statements made by Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin on his March 9-15 visit here, the Chinese Embassy reported. Kosygin called the Chinese criminal aggressors for invading and said Peking's promise of a withdrawal was untrue."

Switzerland has 'no choice' on Shah's

BERN, Switzerland, March 21 (AP)—Swiss Justice Minister Furgler today reiterated his government's decision not to extradite the deposed Shah of Iran, stressing there was no choice for doing so. "Legally, Switzerland has no other choice," Furgler told the Swiss lower house following a parliamentary session by the socialist group. "The Swiss Constitution is government in exceptional cases to violate existing laws. Constitution itself to defend Switzerland's interests in the Iran case, this measure would not have the desired effect. Furgler repeated a Swiss government suggestion that revolutionary authorities in Iran, who made the request, resort to ordinary legal channels to seek repatriation of the Shah. "This is the only way," he said, also said the government did not know how much the Shah had deposited in Switzerland.

Pakistan denies Saudi report of commuted sentence for Bhutto

ISLAMABAD, March 21 (R)—Pakistan official sources yesterday denied reports from Saudi Arabia that Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq had promised under Arab pressure to commute the death sentence on former premier Mr. Bhutto's life, had said "categorically" he would commute the death sentence.

The official Saudi Press Agency yesterday quoted the Riyadh newspaper Al-Jezira as saying President Zia, in response to appeals from the Arab states to spare Mr. Bhutto's life, had said "categorically" he would commute the death sentence. Bhutto sympathisers here also insist that General Zia has assured Saudi Arabia's King Khalid that the death sentence would be commuted, but the official sources here said such reports were part of a morale-boosting campaign by Mr. Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party.

General Zia has already said he will leave the decision to the Supreme Court, which is expected to rule on Mr. Bhutto's petition later this week. If the petition is rejected, Mr. Bhutto, 51, could be executed seven days later.

Aimed at pro-Soviet regime Rebel challenge in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, India, March 21 (AP)—The pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan, which seized power in a coup 11 months ago, has been battling rebellious Moslem groups since last week in the north-western province of Herat, diplomatic sources reported yesterday.

Fighting was reported heaviest in the ancient city of Herat, the provincial capital, where insurgents were believed in partial or complete control of key sectors. Casualties were estimated in the hundreds.

Sources stressed that reports were still sketchy and could not be independently confirmed. Iran on Sunday closed its border with Afghanistan, about 100 kilometres west of Herat, and travel in the troubled region has been restricted.

The insurgency at Herat was called by one area specialist the biggest challenge to President Nur Mohammad Taraki's regime so far. While stubborn small-scale resistance has tied down army units for months in the eastern provinces bordering Pakistan, the northwestern region has been generally peaceful until now.

Analysts here said recent strongly-worded statements from Kabul and Moscow alleging foreign intervention seemed to indicate the severity of the situation. Mr. Taraki's regime has claimed that Iranian troops are directly involved in Herat, a charge that Tehran has denied.

One unconfirmed report said deserting Afghan troops have joined rebel forces in Herat, which could explain air strikes against military installations in the city. A Soviet-built tank was either captured or handed over to the insurgents, a source said.

This month's fighting erupted after thousands of Afghan workers arrived in Herat following the economic collapse of Iran. The concentration of returning work-

ers in the provincial capital, taxing the regime's ability to house and feed them, may have been a contributing factor to the rebellion, said a diplomatic source.

On Sunday, Radio Afghanistan charged that 4,000 Iranian troops had made their way to Herat, dressed in the provincial costume, to "create unrest."

Hassan: 'Treaty will prolong Israeli domination'

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intended to erode the United States' traditional friendship with some of its Arab friends. This is happening, for example, by tinkering with USAID bills and the general effort to discredit such traditional Ameri-

can friends as Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Israel's thoughts in this respect are that if there are no credible Arab partners, then the Israelis increase their premium and their credit with the United States in the peace-making effort.

"Nobody can look at the proposed autonomy solution to the Palestinian problem as contained in the Camp David documents without thinking of the effects and capabilities of the majority in the street which is obviously still active in the occupied territories and increasingly so in the Middle East as a whole, as we have just seen in Iran. The influence of this public opinion with its barometric change in attitudes has had and continues to have far-reaching consequences in Iran, as potentially it has in other parts of the oil-producing Middle East, has not gone unnoticed by Israeli strategists," the Crown Prince said.

"The possibility of the movement of tens of thousands of embittered Palestinian refugees out of the occupied territories to swell the existing ranks of their brethren throughout the Arab World embodies the contradiction of an Israel that claims to fear radicalism while in fact it creates and exports it to the rest of the Middle East. The export of radicalism from Israeli-controlled areas through Jordan to other areas of the Middle East, whose reliance on imported labour is met by workers from Jordan and Palestine and other Arab states, seems to coincide with a determined push by various radical circles to accelerate the regional conflict between forces that correspond to global rivalries.

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periphery of the Arabian Peninsula, particularly in Yemen, the Horn of Africa and Iran. The situation in Iran has not stood the acid test of internal upheaval and change during the past two decades, and it is unlikely that other states in the area would withstand a determined and organised push from coordinated groupings basing their claims on ideological or ethnic foundations. We fear the break-up of this area into a mosaic of minorities while the polarisation of the area as a whole shakes the very fibre of the commitment and feeling of the Arab man in the street to his nation, to the concept of pan-Arabism as well as to the very God he worships.

"A reaction such as we see in Iranian streets four weeks after the Iranian revolution would be entirely in Israel's favour. Such a reaction by the Arab intellectual

would isolate him and increase the feeling that the only meaningful identity he has, be he Kurdish or Azerbaijani, be he Palestinian, Jordanian, Eritrean, Armenian, Maronite or Druse, is to a lesser entity, to a lesser unit and to a lesser loyalty, the loyalty of tribalism.

"The break-up of nation-states in the Middle East in this fashion, coupled with a superpower scramble for the material resources of the region, would only allow Israel the chance to consolidate its status as a crusader entity, as a militaristic alien state in a sea of enemies. By becoming the *primus inter pares* in an area defined by a collection of disparate and weak ethnocentric entities, the Israelis too will strive to get their share of the area's wealth, not on the basis of being the representatives of the free world or any other grouping which cares to associate with them, but rather on the basis of becoming a fifth power which applies its own concepts of security in the form of autonomy plans, to the detriment of Western interests," Prince Hassan said.

The Crown Prince concluded that Jordan sees a fundamental incompatibility between the American view of how Israel's security can be assured and the view of the vast majority of Arab states who see the perpetuation of Israeli occupation in the guise of autonomy as the major threat to the basic security of this part of the world.

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needs of Israel by physically occupied areas into subregions that are easier for Israeli troops and civil authorities to pacify," the Crown Prince said.

He stressed that the Camp David documents "should be seen as a search for a comprehensive Arab friends of the United States not consulted during the Camp David process, see the burden on the Arab world."

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United States as having to predict the current process of peace-making. While the United States is right, it is should burden in explaining that plan for the Palestinians. Camp David documents is to the Begin Plan for Palestine which was offered last year. Israel's aim to see the two synonymous, but we hope a comprehensive search for peace for the United States.

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